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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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Dear Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

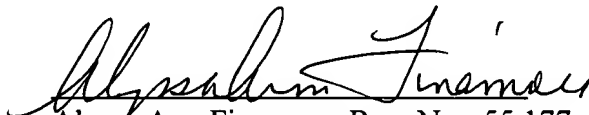
The Applicants thank the Examiner for issuing a Notice of Allowability on the above-identified application.

With reference to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance beginning on page 2 of the Notice, the Applicants note that not all of the features identified in the Statement of Reasons are necessarily required to demonstrate patentability of the invention.

Payment of the issue fee for this application is being submitted concurrently herewith, and the Applicants look forward to grant of a patent on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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